



Hampton Police Division Media Release

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Victim Identified in Homicide Investigation: 100 Block of Spanish Trail

The Hampton Division Police has identified the victim, **Elijah-Juan Zaire Vanness**, of a homicide that occurred on May 16, 2014.

At 1:45 p.m., Public Safety Communications received an e911 call in reference to a shooting that had just occurred in the 100 block of Spanish Trail. Upon officers arrival they located an adult male victim suffering from a single gunshot wound to the upper torso. The victim was transported to a local hospital for treatment of life threatening injuries. At 7:03 p.m., the victim, **Elijah-Juan Zaire Vanness**, an 18-year-old Hampton man was pronounced deceased at the hospital.

The preliminary investigation has revealed that the victim was in a four-door Toyota Camry when he was approached by the suspect and then shot. There is no suspect information at this time and motive remains under investigation.

Anyone with information that will assist police is encouraged to contact the Hampton Police Division at 727-6111 or the Crime Line at 1-888-LOCK-U-UP. Tipsters can also send an anonymous tip via text message to the Crime Line by texting "HAMPTONPDTIPS plus your tip" to 274637 (CRIMES). Crime Line callers remain anonymous and never appear in court. If a Crime Line call results in an arrest, the caller is eligible for a reward up to \$1,000.00.

Sergeant Jason Price will receive questions about this release at 757-751-7909

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